

ABSTRACT

A can end member has a center panel, a circumferential
chuck wall, and a transition wall. The center panel is centered about
a longitudinal axis and has a peripheral edge. The center panel also
5 has a step portion located radially outwardly from the longitudinal
axis. The step portion has an annular convex portion joined to an
annular concave portion and displaces at least a portion of the center
panel vertically in a direction parallel to the longitudinal axis. The
curl defines an outer perimeter of the end member. The
10 circumferential chuck wall extends downwardly from the curl to the
transition wall. The transition wall connects the chuck wall with the
peripheral edge of the center panel. The transition wall has a folded
portion extending outwardly relative to the longitudinal axis.

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